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Dear Reader,

The introduction to $T-S$ Horizons (November 1983) stated that "[in the future] you will find that T-S Horizons will benefit you more than any other magazine for the Sinclair computer. Little did we know that in 1984 that "prophecy" would come true "by default." So far we've seen the demise of Sync, TS User, and Timex Sinclaix User. Z-West was also cancelled, but fortunately Gordon Young is still actively supporting Timex users with articles in T-S Horizons and Computer Trader. Syntax still has a loyal following despite its low page count and recent price like (now $\$ 48$ per year).

From the response we have received from isaue *7 it appears we are on the right track. I have to agree with those who have called it our best issue to date, and I have to give the credit to the talented writere who have been such a great resource for $\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{S}$ Horizons.

## IS Computing - Bad News

A lot of people would like to get their hands on Mr. Mike Wilson.

To those who subscribed to his "IS Comput* ing" or sent products for review, we offer our sympathy. He published one issue of his newsletter (May) and madled it to user groups and mail lists he had obtained, offering subscription for $\$ 10$ per year.

When no aubsequent issues appeared and after we had received phone calls from certain parties who had been taken in by Mr. Wilson, we decided to call him. The operator in formed me that his number (listed in several places in TS Computing) had been changed to an unlisted number.
I then wrote him a letter and asked him to call me with some explanations. A week later
he did call and started telling me how he tried his hardest but that the Timex market was dead, Timex computers were Junk, the QL is junk, and a long string of other equal blasphemies. When I told hin TSE has 1000 subscribers and is growing daily, he launched into a totally uncalled-for attack on a certain software vendor who had tried to help get "IS Computing" off the ground, believing it to be a legitimate enterprise,

I got no answer when I asked if his aubscrib= ers had been refunded their money. He also claimed that someone at the phone cormpany had his phone number changed without his knowledge or request, and that someone was ordering $T$-S-related merchandise and having it shipped to his address and intercepting it from U.P.S. before it got to his house. If any reader has a bone to pick with Wilson his new phone number 1s 1-212-513-7559 unless its been mysteriously changed again. And tell him T-S Horizons sent you.

## Spacial Request

If you respond to an ad or any review, announcement, or passing comment for any product or service mentioned in T-S Horizons, please tell the vendor where you found the information, whether you are ordering the product or just requesting more information. This is an enormous help to us. Recently Jules Geang, of the Capitol Area T.S. (CATS) User Groups, baid they got several orders from T-S Horizons readers, but the only way he knew that was because we had iisted the wrong price. None of these people bothered to mention T-S Horizons in their order. (Note: CATS newsletter 18 available for $\$ 12$ per year - not $\$ 10$ - from CATS, P.0.Box 644, Bladenburg, MD 20710)

For T-S Horizons to grow and provide more and better articles, we need a stable advertiser base. These advertisers also need feed back to better invest their advertising budget. Those companies who have stuck with Timex users through thick and thin deserve and need our support.

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## A Personal Note From GORDON YOUNG

Rick,

If its OK with you, I would like you to print this comment in the next issue.

I want to thank all of those who have epent their time calling, writing and showing thoir interest in software $I$ have written or articles that have appeared here in T8H. Many have offered auggestions to help se, led me to others who can help with particular needs, and kept me updated with activitiee. In the last month I have notice that you at home are showing more support by speaking up and letting us know you are out there. By ordering items or even just writing, we know you are there and this is the beat indicator to base future planning on. There are a few individuals who can create quality software or hardware but, until they get a feeling that a market (however small) axiats, they may not bother to create it. Ovar the next few months I will be exploring the 2068 and share what I learn with you. Your letters and phone calls will help me decide what to touch on.

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## Attention User Groups

If you are associated with a Tisex/Sinclair user group or if your user group hes a Tinex special interest group, please let us know. We are currently preparing a listing of uaer groups. Please give name of group; addrans, phone number (optional), name of contact person, number of mepber, and information about your newsletter if you have one. (Note: Even if you've sent us this information before, we would like you to aend it in again.)

NOIE: In reference to the "WORM" series, Warren Tucker of Vallejo, California sent this subeission. It is an improved M.C. error checking routing.


## PLOTTER FOR T－S 2068

In TS－Horizons \＃5 it was mistakenly reported that Johnson＇s and Swartz＇s graphics program for the T51000／2×81 would run on the TS 2068．Below is a version of the original program which will run on the TS 2068.
Prouided by John Marion．


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640 GO TO 40 INUE NAME $" ;$ ；
710 IF A $\$=" 11$ THEN GO TO 40
720 SAUE A虫ECREEN
730 60 TO 40
750 INPUT＂LOAD NAME＂；A
750 LOAD AㅎSCREEN
770 GOTO 46
800 SAUE＂PLOTTER＂LINE 10 810 RUN

Some readers had questions about the program as it originally appeared in T－S Horizons \＃5．These questions are answered below． 1．Line 55 in the original program says ＂GOTO 16．＂Of course there is no line 16 in the program，but it is an acceptable instruction．The program merely looks for the next line number after 16 （ 20 in this case）and jumps ahead．No problem．
2．Line 251．＂PAUSE $4 E 4$＂is a simple way to tell your computer to stop what it＇s doing and wait．In this case pressing any key on the keyboard cases the program to restart． 3．Line 125．For those of you who had trouble reading this line in your copy here it is：＂125 IF Y 343 THEN LET $Y=43$ ．＂

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# "IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD" 

By Bill Ferrebee<br>MOUNTAINEER SOFIWARE

Welcome to this month's column! I have a lot of interesting information for those of you that have already joined the ranks of "T/S Telecommunicators". And for those of you that have yet to get your modem, I think that this column will make you interested enough to make a modem your next purchase.

First, as I promised, I will give you my review of the Westridge 2050 modem. As nost of you know, the Westridge is the modem that Timex was supposed to release themselves. However, since Timex dropped out of the personal computer market, and the demand for the modem was high enough, Westridge decided to release it with their name.

The Westridge is a direct-connect, 300 -baud modem that is specifically designed for T/S computers. Through the use of the well-known Timex connector, this modem can be attached as easily as a RAM expansion or printer. And because of its "piggyback" design, other peripherals can be attached behind $1 t$.

The Westridge is also compatable with any (1000, 1500, or 2068) T/s computer. The communications software (SMART D provided has the program for the $1000 / 1500$ on one side, and for the 2068 on the other.

Once the modem is attached to the computer, the telephone line is attached to the modem, power is turned on, and the software is loaded, you are ready to TELECOMMNICATE! The software allows you to use the numeric keys on the computer to dial the number needed to call whatever location you desire (I will be giving you some EXCELLENX T/S-oriented BBSs later in this column).

While you are communicating with someone, you can send your screen to a printer. Also, by leaving the software and your computer 8 running while you are gone, another person
can call you and leave you a message (AUTO-ANSWER).

By the time you read this column, Westridge should have their SMART II software available, which will enable you to upload and download information to another T/S computer. More on this subject in the next column.

Overall, I feel that the Westridge 2050 modem is a very well-built, very easy-to-use-modem, and I recommend it to anyone that wants to use their computer to its fullest extent.

For those of you that already have a modem, and want some number to call that are SPECIFICALLY geared to T/S computer, this section is for you!

Yes, Bulletin Board Systems (BBSs for short) Do exist that cater to the $T / S$ user. And the good news 1a...they're FREE! Except for the phone call charges, these boards are free, and they run 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The first one is very special to me. Basically because I AM THE SYSOP (SYSTEM OPERATOR) OF THIS BOARD! It is called the "RIVER CITIES SMART BBS" and is located in Sistersville, West Virginia. The telephone number is (304) 652-1416.

The first time you call the board, you will be asked to register for the SIG (Special Interest Group) you want. The board also has SIGs for Atari and IRS-80, but the T/S SIG is the largest of all!

The SIG is actually a "board within a board". Features include:

- A fully-blown message center (you can leave messages to anyone on the board...and receive some, too)
- An Informational Section (You will be able to read this column BEFORE you get your copy
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of $T / S$ Horizons...,along with some product reviews, and a current list of $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{S}$ User Groups around the country...send my YOUR Group's information to put in this section)

- The latest news on developments concerning T/S users
- And, once the new SMART II software is avallable, you will be able to upload and download some programs for both 1000 and 2068 computers !

Again, the telephone number is (304)652-1416. Please give us a call, and leave me a message in care of TIMEX SYSOP!

Another BBS that is geared to $T / S$ users is the 2EBRA SYSTEMS BBS, run by Zebra Systems, Inc. of Woohaven, New York. The number for this board is (212)296-2229. I have called this boerd quite a few times, and it also has features like a Message Center, listings of user groups, etc. Since it is run by a Mail Order Company for T/S products, it also features a section with merchandise. I feel

Zebra Systems has a very good board, and is worth your calling.

In next month's column, I hope to bring you a review of the SMARC II software for the Westridge modem, along with a review of the BYTE-BACK modem (HINT - HINT BYTE-BACK!!!). Also, I will be giving more information on numbers of interest for T/S users (including some TOLL-FREE numbers!).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. You can leave me a message on the RIVER CITIES SHORT BBS (in care of TIMEX SYSOP), or by writing:

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Making Music With The ZX81
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Although the $\mathrm{ZX81}$（TS－1000）does not have a SOUND command included in its BASIC lan－ guage，it is possible to make sound with it， and this article tells how．

The sound generated by this program is available at the MIC jack for recording with your cassette recorder，amplifying with a mini amplifier，or moritoring with an earphone．It can also be heard over your TV by turning up the volume．

The programming steps should be followed exactly as shown below．

1 PRINT 9，9，9，9，9，9，9，9，9，9，
Now press the EDIT key，change the line number to a 2，ENTER，EDIT，change to a 3， and 80 on，up to 7 ，so that you have seven lines exactly like line 1 ．Now enter：

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FOKE 16510, 0 } \\
& \text { POKE 15511, } 8 \\
& \text { FOKE } 10512,20 \\
& 10 \text { FOFIE1 TOLEN A\$-1 STEP } 2
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { ( } I+1 \text { ) -47 } \\
& 30 \text { LET Fご二十 } \\
& 40 \mathrm{NEXT} \text { I } \\
& \text { LET } \mathrm{F}=18 \mathrm{E} 1 \\
& \text { S3RFD } 3 F F A F A F O Q 1520 F 788705520 E 709 \\
& 210140051 F 75 月 706234 E 3550560010 \\
& \text { 20092969008340128E日692001F1E00 } \\
& \text { QOEROOO" } \\
& \text { GOTO } 10
\end{aligned}
$$

After the program runs，enter this：
10 SAVE＂MUSIC＂
CLEAR
Now put the computer in the FAST mode if you haven＇t already，enter a driver program of your choice，get the tape ready to record， and GOTO 10．The driver program will run famediately after SAVEing．

DRIVER 1（Mini Organ）．
This program plays different notes when only key（except shift，BREAK，and ENIER）is pressed．When you press a key，the program waits until you stop pressing it，and then plays it until a new key is pressed．


The program now asks for values for each key （ $0-255$ ）．I would suggest that the period（．） get a 225 ，since it is the last useable key on the keyboard，the 1 key a 7 ，and the other keys staggered in between these．A formula you might want to use would be：

6＊（10＊（row key is on－1）＋key in row）
If you do use this formula，the values will be spread over a range of 1 to 234．For example，using this，the 1 key would get a 1 ， and the period key would get a 234 ．

After entering the values，enter this：
EO POKE 1E55日，LODE A（INOT USR $165631+C O D E$ INKEY\＄－26：
30 POKE 15572, PEEK 1556 E
 50 GOTO 20
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GOTO 10 starts ERUEing
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DRIVER 2（mathematically generated waveforms）．
This driver lets you input a mathematical formula of your choice，which is used to form the tones．It also plots the waveform into the screen．Press the $Y$ key to hear a waveform again or the break key to end the program．


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Here are some aample formulas：
ABS INT（ $254-91.5 * \operatorname{LN}(\mathrm{I}+1)$ ）
127－INX（ $127 * \cos (\mathrm{I}+1)$ ）
ABS（61－INT（190＊COS（I／40．155）））
ABSINT（288－34＊SQR（I＋1））
If you want to do some formulas of your own， here is a program that displays the values generated from a formula，so that you can check for the proper range（ $0-255$ ）．

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\begin{aligned}
& 300 \text { FRINT FERMULR?" }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& 34 \text { LET A事: =5TR事 VAL I } \\
& 350 \text { FFINT 日年:1! } \\
& 3 \mathrm{SO} \text { NET I }
\end{aligned}
$$

The whole field will not fit on the screen at once，so you w111 have to use CONT to see the second part．

## Using these routines in your own programs

If you want to use these routines in your own programs，you should know some facts about music．
1．The frequency of middie $C$ is 440 Hz ］ （cycles per second）．

2．If the frequency of a note is doubled or halved，the note changes by an octave．
3．There are twelve semitiones，or half tones，in an octave．

The width of each semitone depends on what octave it is on．If we wanted to find the frequency of D ：
$D=C+C / 12$＊tone $(2)=51.3 \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{z}}$ for D above middle $C$
In this formula，the notes are numbered from © to 11，like this： $\mathrm{C}=0 \quad \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{F}=1 \quad \mathrm{D}=2 \ldots \mathrm{~B}=11$

To play a note or notes，POKE the length $i$ is byte，then the tone byte for up to 256 notes into memory starting at 16593．Then poke a zero byte into the next byte of memory after Is the last note，and RAND USR 16541 in the FAST mode．

If you know the frequency of a note you want to play，to find the number to POKE into memory，use this formula：

POKR value＝（3，250，000／frequency－24）188
So，using this formula，the value for middle C is 83．6（84）．

When you know what the POKE value for a note 1s，and how long $H$ should last，use this formula to find what the length byte should be：

## length byte $=$ seconds $* 203,125$ POKE value＊88＋24

For example，for a middle $C$ note to last $\frac{1}{4}$ second，the length byte would be $6.8(7)$ ．

## Operating Theory

1．Tone Generator Routine
Before entry to this routine，the registers should be set to：
$\mathrm{B}=1 \mathrm{FH}$
E－output half cycle HL＝number of cycles
The input half cycle is the black part on the TV screen，while the output half cycie is the white part．The routine automatically ends if any key is pressed（if you don＇t want it to be interrupted by the keyboard，iet $B=\emptyset$ ）．

The total of $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{E}$ determines the tone，but it sounds somewhat different，if $\mathrm{C}=20$ and $\mathrm{E}=80$ than if $\mathrm{C}=80$ and $\mathrm{E}=20$ ．The length of the tone in seconds（assuming no key is pressed） is：
$H L *[44 *(C+E)+24]$
$3,250,000$ (processor speed 183.25 NHz )
routine (which actualiy makes the sound) is called. This routine returns to BASIC if any key hat been preased.
If a value is $\$$ it is treated as a 256. Regiater D is used as the delay counter in both parts of each cycle. The IN $A_{j}(F B H)$ instruction serves to turn off output, read the keyboard, and read the EARjack, which is in bit 7 (not used in this program).
2. Digital Playback Routine

Before entering this routine, the data should be stored in memory, first the length byte, and then the tone byte. A zero byte marke the and of date. Pormulas for determining the tone and length bytes were given earlier.

The routine first checke to see if the end of dats has been reached, and if not, the tone Is put in registers $C$ and 8 the is put in registers $C$ and $\mathrm{E}_{\text {, }}$ the length byte music, or writing gawe programs. is multipiled by 16 , and the tone generator

TONE GENERATOR 3.0 26 BYIES
BEFORE A CALL8
$\mathrm{B}=1 \mathrm{FH} \quad \mathrm{Colistening}$ time
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AFTER THR CALL:
3. Note Player Routine

The note player plays a tone which has been POKRD into memory until any key is pressed.
4. Clear Buffer Routine

This routine can be called any time you want to clear the buffer. Use:

PRINI USR 16579

Conclusion
These programs will be useful for anyone
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AP, D, and H2 are used.
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) Deinput half cycle
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fturn off output and get
keyboard input
smask tape bite and return
if any key is preased
jdecrement counter
frepeat until and of cycle
gD=output half cycle
3A $=$
; turn on output $3 A=$
;no return
\%decrement counter
and repeat
sdecrement cycle counter
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DIGITAL PLAYBACX 3.0
27-BYTES
DATA FORMAT: LENGIH/16, TONE...

| object code 1abel | mamonic | comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Z10140 begin | LD HL, data area | ; 40D1H |
| 0618 | LD $8,1 \mathrm{FH}$ |  |
| 7 F next | LD A, (EL) | ; length data |
| A 7 | AND A | ;retum if end of data |
| C8 | RET z |  |
| 23 | INC HL |  |
| 48 | LD C, (HL) | ; tone date |
| 23 | INC HZ |  |
| E5 | PUSH HZ | ; Bave data pointer |
| 59 | LD E,C | ; Emtone |
| 6 F | LD L, A | ;Lelength/16. |
| 2600 | LD $\mathrm{H}, 6$ |  |
| 29 | ADD HL, HL | jaultiply by 16 |
| 29 | ADD HL, HL |  |
| 29 | ADD HL, HL |  |
| 29 | ADD HIL, HL |  |
| CD8340 | CALL tone | ;play note |
| E1 | POP HZ | gretrieve pointer |
| 28EB | JR $Z$, next | jcontinue unless any |
| 69 | RET | key is pressed |

NOTE PLAYER 3.0
11 BYTES
PLAYS A NOTE UNTLL ANY KEY PRESSED

| objec | 1abel | memonic |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 010015 | note | LD BC, IF nni |
| 1800 |  | LD E, nn |
| CD8340 | go | CALL tone |
| 28 FB |  | JR 2,80 |
| C9 |  | RET |

## CZEAR BUFFER

14 BYYES
FILLS THE BUFFER WITH ZEROS
mnemonic
LD HZ,4001H
LD DE,40D2H
LD BC,0200H
LD (HL), 0
LDIR
RET
conments
;Ceinput half cycle fecoutput half cycle
iplay the note ; return if any key pressed


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## BITS \& BYTES

By Bill Ferrebee
MOUNTAINEER SOFTWARE

I plan to use this periodic feature to keep you informed on miscellaneous subjects that are of interest to T/S users, but do not warrant a full column by themselves. (IN OTHER WORDS: T/S Trivia!)

- Did you know that "rASWORD TWO", the excellent Word Processor program can now be used with an AERCO Parallel Printer Interface?

I recently spoke with Ray Payne of KNIGHTED COMPUTERS, and he told me that Gary Ward had modified his copy of the program, and that the TASWORD/AERCO combination did INDEED work.

Here is how it's done:

1) LOAD "TASWORD TWO" as normal.
2) Press $S T O P$ and enter "b" to go into Basic.
3) DIRECTLY input the following POKE values:

| POKE | 57578,32 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 57579,12 |
| 1 | 57999,127 |
| " | 58000,230 |
| 11 | 58001,19 |
| 1 | 58002,254 |
| If | 58003,1 |
|  | 58004,32 |
| ' | 58005,-8 |
|  | 58006,241 |
|  | 58007,211 |
|  | 58008,127 |
|  | 58009,0 |
|  | 58010,219 |
|  | 58011,127 |
| " | 58012,201 |

4) Enter RUN to rerun the program.
5) Press STOP again and enter "t."t to SAVE

- the new version.

6) Save the new version to tape.
7) Verify the new copy as normal.
8) Use this new copy with your AERCO Interface.
(Note: As of this writing, I am waiting for my Olivetti Ink-Jet printer to arrive, So, I an giving you the above information on the word of Ray and Gary.)

- Has anyone solved any of the 12 clues in KRARIT $31 ?$ I contacted GLADSTONE ELECTRONICS, the marketing agent for the program, and as of yet they haven't received a completed entry. If you have any of the 12 clues solved, send them to me at:
MOUNIAINEER SOFTWARE
115 North 7th Avenue
Paden City, WV 26159

I will keep your answers confidential, and if I can collect all 12 answers, I will subait them, and equally share the prize money. (It would be nice to make them pay upl)

- Be on the lookout for a possible announcement concerning a Timex/Sinclair Convention...possibly sometime next Spring...the idea has been brought up, and a small group is planning to meet soon to work on the project. Drop me a line if you have any suggestions.
- I am very interested in hearing from all of the T/S user groups in the U.S. (and Canada). If you publish a newslecter, please put me on your mailing 1ist, and send me any back issues you can. I plan to compile as complete a list as possible of all $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{S}$ user groups to print in a future isaue of $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{S}$ Horizons. I also want to keep a file with the newsletters so we can share ideas with each other.

Well, that's it for now. If you have any interesting information you want to share, or if you just want to write, please do. My address is above.

Until next time, keep usin' that $T / S$ and ENJOYIT1!!

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# REVIEWS FOR THE NON PROGRAMMER 

By A. Gindin

- First, a follow-up on power supplies. If you want one that will power your monitor, write to Tom Woods, Box 64, Jefferson, NH 03583. In his latest issue of Pro/file update ( $\$ 9.95 /$ year) he shows how to build a power supply which uses a 12 V car battery. If you add an inverter (DC to AC) for the monitor you should be free of power line problems forever!
- Next, telecommunications. I also have a Byte Back Modem which I built form a kit. I added sockets for the IC's and an extra-long line to the telephone jack. It worked perfectly first time! The software loads easily and is compatible with the Z -XLR8 fast load program. I also have read that the serial port is not "standard" and must be connected with care. There are lists of BBS's in Computer Shopper ( $\$ 15.00 /$ year) Box F, Tituavilie, Florida 32781 and a publication Hooking In, Computerfood Press, ( $\$ 13.95$ + $\$ 2.00$ postage) Box 608R, Oracle, Arizone 85623, which is supposed to print updates (mine haven't arrived yet).
- The next hardware item will make your 2X-T/S look like a real computer: a new keyboard, While a number have been on the market, I restricted my research to those with a separate number keypad and finally bought the E2 Key 60 ( $\$ 84.95$ ) Suite 75A, 711 Southern Artery, Quincy, MA 02169, with the larger case ( $\$ 30.00$ ). They charge $\$ 4.00$ each for shipping even though both come in the same boxl In addition to goo 2 looks the keys have definite feel (click). There are separate keys for ; "In " stop, edit . § Delete, 2 shift keys and a full space bar. The case holds the board (leave out the top cover of the computer) screwed to the base with holes for all the inputs and 2 holes for joystick plugs, if you wish to add them. The
case doesn't permit easy attachment of add-ons on the back and $I$ recommend an extension cable.
- Another, untested by me, keyboard has recently came on the market from K2 Electronics Design, 3990 Varsity Dr., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. It looks about the same and has some extra keys, a power light, a joystick connector and a cassette signal filter, all for $\$ 89.00$ plus shipping including the case. The big difference is a 64 K memory for an additional $\$ 50.00$. ( No , they say the 64 K won't work without the KRADLE Keyboard). Also avaflable are connections and cards for 16 line of $I / 0$ and R S-232 capability. (No prices given). TSH



## ALTERING THE T-S 2068 CHARACTER SET

One of the easiest alterations a TS2068 user can make on the machine is new character sets. Initially, the ROM uses the character table it was "born" with. Unless you tell it otherwise, it will do so forever. If there did exist another set, and you POKEd a couple of addresses, you could be printing in another font! In the 1000 , a similar tabie also exists, but you can not alter the printing address. Likewise, you can not alter the characters (without altering the contents in the TS1000 ROM). Put simply, the address of the character set pointer is in the TS 1000 ROM and on the 2068 you will find it in RAM (where you can easily modify it).

What this special address points to 18 the first address of the character grid table. The grid is 8 bytes long giving each character a grid of 8 bits wide/8 bytes long. Study figure 1 where you see the first byte of 8 bits at the top. The second byte follows below and so on. It produces a grid of 64 bits. The first byte 18 usually a line of nothing. This produces a spacing between lines of characters on the screen. The last Ine or byte is reserved for the tails of lower case text. In the aame manner, a colum of apaces is provided to the left and right of the character itself to give spacing between sequentidl characters on the screen. You may notice that an even maller grid of 36 blocks are used to produce all upper case letters. The difficult part of changing to a new character set is to determine the real value of each byte (each grid line of the character block). In creating your own set you will be left with the chore of physically drawing out each character on grid paper and decoding each byte to a decimal value you can POKE into RAM. Since each character is 8 bytes long and there, ' 87654321 are over 100 character, you have at least 800 bytes to store for a complete characteriset.

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FIG. 1


After drawing out each character, decode each line by the following method. Each byte of the grid (each line) represents a binary (base 2) number. The left most bit repre= sents 128 in decimal. The following bit is $128 / 2$ or 64. The next is $64 / 2$ or 32 and 80 one. Value placement is such:

> bit $8=128 \quad$ (left most column)
> bit $7=64$
> bit $6=32$
> bit $5=16$
> bit $4=8$
> bit $4=4$
> bit $2=2$
> bit $1=1$

From figure 1 you can see that line 4 of the grid has columns 7, 4, 3 and 2 filled with black boxes. The value of that byte can be determined by adding the values of those columns together. In this case column 7 has a value of 64. Column 4188 , column 3 is 4 and column 2 is 2. Added up this is $64+8+$ $4+2=78$. You will have to determine the values of each line (byte) of each character.

The portion of the character table for the letter "G" would be: $0 / 126 / 64 / 78 / 66 / 66 / 126$. Theae would be sequential bytes beginning at some address. Naturally, when building your own character table, you would begin POKEing these grid values at some starting address that begins with a apace and is followed by the punctuation set, number, upper casa, symbols, and finally the lower case. It is quite a chore to enter all these character grid values, but it will give you an entirely different font. To let the computer know about this set, you w111 have to change the contents of address 23606 and 23607. If the beginning address of your table begins at 40,256 then POKE 23607 with (40256-256)/256 or 156. A remainder of 64 is left and this is POKEd into address 23606. If your charac" ter set is correct and you POKEd the right numbers into 23606/23607, everything printed onto the screen or even the TS 2040 printer will be in the new character font While it all sounds kinda difficult, you can experi-
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To illustrate how each character is made, enter and RUN the BASIC program in figure 2. Each letter and symbol of the ROM table is printed in the large format onto the screen. This little program will also print the starting address of the character printed. Each character is printed bit by bit to illustrate the grid pattern.

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FIG. 2


Next month I will chat about the TS 2068 display. Unlike the TS 1000, it is much more difficult to print characters onto the screen. In it, I will provide a machine language routine to SCROLL the screen. This sounds easy, but it takes a lot more than on the 10001 !

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# ASR <br> an Address Storage and Retrieval <br> Program <br> for the $\mathrm{ZX} 81 / \mathrm{TS} 1000,16 \mathrm{~K}$ 

Is your little black book getting so full that you can't find the address you are looking for? Do you dread addressing all those envelopes to send out Christmas cards? Using ASR not only makes it easier to do these tasks and others, but it can save you time in the process.

ASR will hold up to 100 names, addresses and phone numbers. It will search by last name, city, state or by the zip code. It will 11st all addresses it finds on the screen or, if you have one, on your printer.

## GETIING STARTED

## I. ENTERING AN ADDRESS

After typing in and running $A S R$, the main menu will be presented. The first option is to add another address. By entering 1 , you will be in the entry mode. You must give the first name or initial, then the last name. The street and box number must be entered next. Next if the city or town, then the stace. Now the zip code must be entered and finally, the phone number. NOTE: with no phone number just press return. You will now be asked, "IS THIS OK", if it is not, enter "N" and you will be allowed to reenter. If everything is correct, just press return. Lat of all you will be asked if you wish to enter another address. If you do just enter a "ry" or else press return and the main menu w111 retura.

## II. LISTING

When in the ifretinctiode, the first address w111 appear on the 'screen. To see the next one, press the " 8 " and it will flip to the next address. To return to a previous address press the "15". At any time, you can . send an address to the printer by pressing "Z". To quit and return to the main menu, press "Q".

## III. SEARCH

As I stated before, there are several different ways to search. When searching by name, only the last name must be entered. The rest is self explanatory, NOTE: unless the printer is set, all addresses will print on the screen. To use the printer in a search, it must first be set. When setting, you will be given a choice of three printer option. Choose one of the three. When searching, every address found under that search will be sent to the printer. Every time you go from the main menu to the search routine, the printer must be reset to use.

## IV. PRINTER

The printer mode is used to print out the entire list of addresses. There are three formats of which you can choose.

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(3) NAME AND NUMBER
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Choose one and enter it's number and the printer will begin to list. At any time you can break out of the printer process by pressing "Q". When finished printing, you can return to the main menu by entering a "4"。

## V. CHANGE

When an address must be changed or updated, you can do this by entering the change mode, but first you must know the number of the address you want to change. To do this, first you must get in the iist mode and flip to the desired address, then find the number. Second return to the menu and third enter the change mode, now enter your number. The

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VI. SAVE

When you use the save, all your addresses will be saved along with ASR. After loading a copy of ASR with address saved, it will restart on it's own, with all addresses now in memory.
VII. STOP

When stopping, ASR will not be cleared from
memory, nor the addresses, but if you wish to continue, DO NOT use clear or run, for if you do all addressés will be lost. To restart, if the program stops, just enter "GOTO 100", and you will now be at the main menu.

This concludes the instructions to ASR. I wish you luck with the program, and I hope it is of great use to you.

NOTE: Due to the length of ASR, I am making available copies on cassette. The cost is $\$ 5.00$ per cassette. Also I would like to heat any of your comments or suggestions.

SEND TO: JOHN MARION
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Hardware Review
ITEM: $2 \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{GR}$ 64K RAM
FROM: MINNY ELECTRONICS INC. 7332 DOUGLAS DRIVE BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55443
PRICE: $\$ 149.95$ * 5.95 Shipping
Although great looks aren't a feature of the 2X-GR, the unit is well-built and stable. I had no problems with wobble as I did with the Timex 16K RAM pack. The edge connector is attached to the unit by way of a 3 inch ribbon cable which adds to the stability of the unit.
Actually, like all " 64 K " RAM packs, the ZX-GR is only $56 \mathrm{k}, 48$ of which is useable for basic programming. The other $8 k$ is located in the unused $8-16 \mathrm{k}$ block of menory, which can be used for machine language programing or data tables. When using the $Z X-G R$ with another hardware unit which requires the $8-16 \mathrm{~K}$ block of memory, you must filp the switch on the front of the unit to the left. If you wish to use this block of memory, make sure the switch is in the correct position.

To get the full use of avallable memory, you must move RAM TOP to its highest position. You should do this when you first power up the computer, with the following commands:


This sets RAM TOP to 65535.

The manual which comes with the $2 X-G R$ is a brief 10 page leaflet which not only covers the unit but also the hi-res graphics program which comes with the $\mathrm{ZX}-\mathrm{GR}$. The graphics program to say the least is fantastic. All the Hi-resolution comes from the software, the only hardware being the extra memory, which is essential for it to work, When the graphics program is loaded, it will self-start. The demo program draws such things as a pie chart, a graph, and a three dimensional-Iooking funnel, all of which can

be printed on the Timex printer by pressing the "Z" key and return while the demo program is running. The program has 5 main screens and 14 sprites. A Sprite is a $32 \times 32$-pixel figure which can be created by the user and moved all about the screen. It can merge two of the 5 main screens to form one. Also, I must mention the drawing routines included, such as circle drawing, line drawing, and even rectangle drawing, all of wich are very fast. Another added feature is the ability to save individually any of the five screens on tape and load them back at will. After watching the demo program you can create your own pletures on one of the 5 screens. Pictures are drawn by moving the cursor, which leaves a thin line behind it, around with the unshifted arrow keys. Angle lines can also be drawn with the $R, T, Y$, $U$ keys. One of the most fascinating things you can do is to acroll a drawing up the screen by pressing the "B" key, When the picture reaches the top of the screen it wraps around to the bottom. The same is true when drawing a line into the side of the screen; it will wrap around to the other side of the screen.

Over all the unit and program perform well and can make a great addition to your computer. Although the price of the $2 X-G R$ is somewhat higher than other 64k RAM packs, the added graphice program may justify the price. 'A1so we understand that this is the only 64 k RAM pack available that can be used with the TS 1500.

One last note: you might consider the purchase of a fast load program to cut down on the long loading times. Be sure to get one that is relocatable, so you can move it into the 8 to 16 k block of memory.


## Software Review

By Doug Gangi

## Croaka-Crawla

Manufacturer: Quicksilva

Croaka Crawla is not just another "EROGGER" imitation. This is THE best I've seen. It is fast, and the graphics are very good. It is also very difficult. I have not yet been able to reach the 3rd level. The 6-7-8-9 keys are used (I don't know why. It sure is a weird combination), and the response is very quick. The cars look like cars (not just little blips or bleeps like on other FROGGER imitations), and the water is differm ent from the street. There are diving turtles, alligators, and flies. They are hard to recognize (the flies and alligators), but are thoroughly explained in the program. The play is all on one screen, not two like the Timex version of FROGGER. There are also on screen scoring and the bonus points. The frog could have baen done a little better (he is a "\$" and the female frog is a "+"., Overall, the game is well done and is very fun to play. The auto-repeat on each direction is very helpful (it is not bullet fast like on other ganes; it's a nice medium speed).

So if you like SEGA'S FROGGER, then I'm sure you'll like Croaka-Crawla.

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CROAKA CRAWLA

## TS 1000

BOOK REVIEW (AND APPLICATION)
"VU-CALC and VU-FILE"
Robert B.V. Masters
Robert J. Brady Company
Bowie; MD 20715
167 Pages $\$ 17.95$

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But, new book has been published that will take one through a step-by-step tour of both VU-CAIC and VU-FILE (or "The Organizer"), Timex's database program.

In "VU-CALC and VU-FILE", Robert Masters give clear explanationa of every command available for both programs. He also provides examples of actual applications that can be used almost immediately.

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Utilizing techniques shown in this book I have designed a Payroll Report that anyone that gets paid bi-monthly can use. And through some simple changea, it can be modified to fit any payroll system

Even though I only did an in-depth review of the VU-CALC portion of the book, I would highly recommend it to anyone that wante to get the most out of either program. Youlll be amazed at what you can dol

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MAGAZINE REVIEW
By Daniel Richardson
"Computer Trader Magazine"

In the three and a haif years that Chet Lambert has been publishing the Computer Trader (now Computer Trader Magazine), it has gonefrom a single sheet for people wanting to buy, eell, or trade used equipment, to a 100-page magazine with glossy paper and a considerable amount of advertising. As soon as you look at it, it's clear that CTM is not published by McGraw-Hill or Wayne Green. The cover design and interior layout is generally sloppy (even compared to T-S Horizons). But that's really part of the magazine's charm.

Beginning each issue with "Chet's Computer Chats," several paragraphs of casual comments and announcements to his readers, CIM is largely a monthiy collection of columna by contributers on a variety of computer-related subjects. Each column has a name (like PET FLEA BYTES, The Commodore Kid, TS PLUS, etc.) and generally features $e$ picture of the author's smiling face. The relaxed, conversational style gives the magazine a "homey" feel you don't get from Byte or Computer \& Electronics.

These columns cover a wide range of computers (including Atari, Apple, Comodore, and others, plus some ham radio articles) but has always had 4 to 6 Timex-related articles per

1ssue. Chet claims that ChM is "the largest of the magazines now supporting the Timex-Sinclair computers,"

The authors range from marginally talented to ${ }^{\circ}$ capable and very informative. My personal favorite is Oscar Sensabaugh, to whom I usually turn first. His column "Computin' in the Country" is as 1ikely to start out talking about the author's grandchildren or his navy days as about Timex computers. He writes with a "southern accent," flawed grammer and spelling (I assume, on purpose), and is always good for a few giggles. A recent column starts out "Like $I$ done mentioned onct or three times, I got me one of them Timex 2068's..." When he finelly gets down to "talkin" turkey" it's clear that the author is knowledgeable and a competent writer.

Unfortunately, Oscar's colum usually contains the only Timex review in the publication. It's the only thing close to a new product section. Also there are fewer Timex-related ads in CMM than in T-S Hori= zons.

Another regular 1s Gordon Young who is also known for his former publication $Z$-West and for his excellent work in the page of $\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{S}$ Horizons. His column in CTM is TS Plus. The content varies but features machine code and BASIC programming articles of the quality he is known for.

Some of the other writers seem to be good. Gary Hearn recently wrote a nice introduction to 2X81/TS1000 machine code and a lengthy Byte-Back modem review.

Another recent article by Jamea Oram, describes the construction of a PROM Burner for the TS1000.

All in all computer trader magazine is a nice publication with a variety of articles, and a good place to find used equipment. $\$ 12 / 12$ monthly issues ( $\$ 25$ Mex., Can. $\$ 2.50$ Sample) 1704 Sam Drive, Birmingham, AL 35235. TSH

## TS-2068 REVIEWS

"MUSICOLA"<br>(A Complete Music Tool)<br>By<br>Bill Ferrebee

PROGRAM NAME: Musicola
AUTHOR: T.A. David
TYPE: Educational/Entertainment
MACHINE: I/S 2068 (Printer Optional)
PRICE: \$24.95
AVAILABLE FROM: T.E.J. Computer Products
859 North Virgil Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
I guess you might as well call me a ubill of all trades". I have experience in programming, in advertising, in writing (as I hope this review is an example), and in marketing.

But my firet vocation is music. I am within one semester of completing a degree in Music Education at West Virginia University. I do a lot of arranging and composing for various musical groups; from music for two trombones to arrangements for the 300 -member W.V.U. Mountaineer Marching Band.

It was a wish I had to be able to combine my love to write music, and to use my T/S 2068 in doing so, I knew that it could be done on other personal computers, notably with the MUSIC CONSTRUCTION SET by Electronic Arts for the Commodore 64.

But now there is a music composition program for the $T / S$ 2068. MUSICOLA by Cannan Software enables you to use your 2068 to compose your own melodies, and to play song that you already know and love. It plays in three-part harmony (using the three-voice sound chip in the 2068), and if you have a printer, it can actually print the music out on a musical staff!

Enclosed with the program is an Instruction Sheet. The documentation is the one weak point of the package. It is a general
overview of some very sophisticated software. I found this ame fault with the documentation for VU-CALC and VJ-FILE, Robert Masters solved the problem with a more detailed book on VU-CALC and VU-FILE.

The program, when loaded, has a demonstration medley of a Bach invention and an Irish jig. This helps to demonstrate the capabilities of MUSICOLA, and it is a very nice plece of music.

Whether you favor rock, county, classical, or jazz, MUSICOLA can play 'your kind of music'.

The general descriptions of the program's features are very good. This program has three voices available ( 1 melody - 2 harmony) and a range of over thres octaves. Since it is for the 48R 2068, a composition can be very lengthy. All compositions can be edited, and can be saved to tape for later use.

An idea I had would be for Canaan to release firat a more detalled manual for MUSICOLA (with perhaps a Quick Reference card ahowing which keys correspond with witich notes on the staff), and then perhaps a series of tapes with songs already programmed for use (something like "The Beat of Michael Jackson for the 2068"1).

Overall, I was very impressed with the capabilities of MUSICOLA, and if more detailed documentation would become available, there would be no way to top it! The progran itself is very well laid out, and my compliments $g 0$ to the author.

In short, if you would like to learn more about music, or would just like to play some of your "favorites" on your 2068, MUSICOLA 1s for you!

VU-3 D
2068 Software Review

By Doug Gangi
Although VU-3D is billed as a business program, many of you will have fun with tinkering around and showing off the program to your friends. This program sure shows off the stuff a TS 2068 can do!

VU-3D is a program that allows you to draw and view figures in a 3 dimensional perspective. The graphics are excellent, and the 3-D is so real! In normal viewing mode, no hidden lines are taken out, but if you get into picture mode, you can: take out the hidden lines (the computer does it all at the touch of a buttonl), copy your picture to the printer, shade the picture from 8 different directions, and magnify and reduce the
picture. The format of the program is excellent, and you really don't need many instructions to operate the program. Drawing your picture is as easy as $1-2-3!$ All you do. is draw the picture on the screen (the flat face of the figure) and then give it depth by pressing the 'N' key. The program comes with a demo wine glass shaped figure (as seen in the picture; the cube I drew myself).

Included in the program is the ability to save the figure you have drawn, or load another one from cassette. So if you draw a great picture you would like to keep, you can! You can also choose the border, paper, and ink colors on the screen.

VU-3D is an overall excellent program. I think anyone With a Timex-Sinclair 2068 should have one just to see the capabilities of the powerful machine.

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REVIEN: By Bill Ferrebee
PROGRAM NAME: T/S COUNT
AUIHOR: Jim Payne
TYPE: Business (Accounting)
MACHINE: T/S 2068 (Printer Optional, but very useful)
PRICE: \$29.95
AVAILABLE FROM: PHEONIX ENTERPRISES
1780 N Dupont Highway, No. 17
Dover, Delaware 19901
I am currently findshing up a degree in Data Processing at our local community college, and about two months ago I was checking by required classes list. Oh nol It can't bel You mean I STILL have to take Accounting I?1? "There MUST be aome mistake....I don't need to learn...if I want ay degree I do, huht $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{h}}$, well, I might as well get it over with now!"

So, I signed up for Accounting I in sumar school. The class was 4 days a week, but it only lasted for 6 weeks.

About a weak after I ptarted the clase (and believe it or not, I was ACTUALLY understanding itl), I received a package from Jim Payne at PHEONIX ENTERPRRISES. It was a program called T/S cound. I couldn't believe it! It was a complete ACCOUNTING PACKAGE for the T/S 2068 ! What timing!

Well, after examining the very nice folder-type packaging; I opened up the package to find a cassette tape and Instruction Manual. Also included is a registration card that must be sent back. For a 90 -day period, PHEONIX will replace any damaged tape

Upon loading the program, a very colorful cover sheet appears with the company's logo. A nice use of the SCREENS technique.

The next thing to appear on the screen 18 the MAIN MENU and this menu shows to me that Jim has attempted to make $T / S$ counr as "user-friendiy" as possible. There are 13 different choices on the Main Menu, numbered from 00 to 12. If you attempt to input any other number or letters, the input routine
rejects your choice, and returns you to the Main Menu again.

Now since I'四 taking that Accounting class, and this is an Accounting program...I thought I could "kill two birds with on atone" by CHECKING my homework assignments with T/S COUNT. (Now you don't think that I would use this chance to actually do my homework with 1t: WANNA BET?!?)

By carefully reading the Instruction Manual provided, and knowing a few ajmple Accounting principles (Debits/Credits, Categories of accounts, etc.), T/S COUNI can be used to keep the accounting records for any amell business or household.

T/S count is complete with a General Journal and General Ledger. Once the accounts have all been entered, $T / S$ COUNT can generate a chart of accounts, a Trial Balance, a copy of the General Ledger, and an Income Statement. All temporary accounts are closed at the end of the accounting period, and all of the information can be saved to tape for future reference, or later updating. Jim recomends that you use a printer to keep hard copy of the completed atatements, and I agree.

To sum up opinion on $T / S$ count, I feel that Jimi has done an axcellent job tranalating the enormous task of basic accounting to the personal computer medium. If you have your own small buainess or would like to keep your household accounts straight, I highly recome mend T/S counT. It 18 a well developed program, and can save anyone hours of time in the accounting cycle.

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## By Tex Faucette

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If this one confuses you, take a look at the copyright date. One may deduce that the program (for the 2068) is an "upgrade" from the TS-1000 version, While an upgrade to a newer machine is certainly permissible, and often very desirable, BANLA loses points on this one for failing to upgrade the documentation. Said documentation indicates that considerable talent was utilized (two statisticians, one combo statistician-mathematician and one combo mathematician-programer!i) in creating the game, wich is guaranteed to run on the "Sinclair 2X800 (?7?), 2X 81, and T/S 1000". The only concession to the 2068 is a hand lettered atatement that to load, "Footbalis" must be all capital letters.

Nevertheless, the game does run with good color on the 2068. Motion, bells, and whiatles are minimal, but a dedicated football fan can no doubt enjoy the play, efther against the computer, a friend, or left hand againat right hand.

On the display, and above the playing field, the standard statistics are displayed along with options for the next play (including "punt" - for the undecided). The current position on the playing field is indicated by a ball which moves to the position resulting from each play. Statistics are updated at the same time.

I repeat that I have no prejudices concerning upgraded programs. I do feel that in this case more effort and smagination should have been expended on the upgrade in terms of graphics and documentation.

VOICE CHESS
2068 Software Review

By Doug Gangi

Voice Chess 18 a chess program for the TS 2068 that actually talks to ryou! All speech comes through the speaker. The manufacturer of Voice Chess is Softsync, and they should get a pat on the back. They finally added the necessary touch to chess. I don't know how many of you out there can't stand to sit in front of computer and ply chess for an hour or so. Voice Chess is the first and only chess game I can sit down to and actually enjoy it the whole game through. The voice really does add reality to the game.

Some of the things the computer says are quite smart-alecky, like: "Oh, I'm scared", and other witty comments. A quite surprising feature of Voice Chess is the ability to guess your next move. If the computer is right, after you move it will say "I expected that!", which can be quite freaky. When I first played Voice Chess, I was scared by that. I though there must be a man inside the computer. The computer tells you if you made an invalid move, if he has check, and tells you the moves, whether he made them or you did (I call it a "he" because he has a man's voice).

The voice is actually made by the BEEP comand. You will find this out if you debug the program. You could probably add your own phrases if you get sick of the computers sometimes witty comments.

The graphica of the program are very good. Each piece is dram out, and the movement is also very quick. The computer actually only takes 3 seconds to decide on it's move, but it takes it about another 15 to learn how to say it (this is on level one of course. I still haven't beaten it yet!).

For the $\$ 24.95$ I paid for the game, I say that I got $\$ 35$ worth out of it. If you hate all the current computer chess games you've played, this one is going to turn you around. TSH

ATTENTION USER GROUPS: We are currently compling a list of Timex/Sinclair user groups for publication in a future issue of Tos horizons. Send information about your group to us at 2002 Surmit 5t., Portsmouth, OH 45662. Euen if you've done so in the past please submit this information so we'll have the most complete, and up-to-date list

ITEM: VIEWand, A word processor for the TS 2068 for use with the Timex printer or AERCD interface. One-character commands - easily memorized. Complete text editing. Embedded prifiter cermands. Advanced print formatting. 350 64-character lines or 703-32 character lines. 25 or send SASE for more information to Jim Clatfelter, 646 Corwin Au., Glendale, CA 91206.

1TEM: TS 2068 Mailing list program from MOUTAINEER SOFTWARE, Store up to 255 names, addresses and phone numbers, in this user-friendly, menu-driven program. SEARCH and SORT for easy updating. For more information write to Mountaineer Software, 115 N. 7th St., Paden City, WN 26159.

ITEM: According to their latest catalog, BNF Enterprises has 2000 working $2 \times 81 \mathrm{~s}$ in stock sapparently without pover supply, video switch or cables) for $\$ 18.88$ each or six for $\$ 89.88$ (not including shipping). Also they have keyboards that can be hardwired to your TS1000/2X81. To order call ENF at 617-531-5774, 8-5 EST; 9-3 Sat.
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- Stock Market Software

3434 Warburton Av. 119 , SantaClara CA 60137

- ROMPAK, 1525 Aviation Blud.

Suite A-111, Redondo Beach CA 90278

- E, Arthur Brown

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Elsewhere it sells for about $\$ 199$ discounted. This dot-matrix printer is tractor-fed, prints 80 columns wide at 50 characters per second. Call $1-800-325-0800$ or write 8200 Remmet Av., Canoga Park, CA 91304.

ITEM: TS1000 to Atari 2600 VCS Interface. Available from Huron Valley Research, POBox 732, Highland, MI 48031, for $\$ 125.00+\$ 5.00$ postage and handing. Allows you to download. Atari ROM games into your TS/ZX, disassemble the games machine code, vary the game (or create a new one) and upload back into the 2600 to play the edited game.

ITEM: E. Arthur Brown is offering the following books, imported from England.

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